

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/720,989
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Group Art Unit	1763
Examiner Name	Richard Bueker
Attorney Docket Number	19232.0012U1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [***DATE OF PREVIOUS AMENDMENT***]
Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [****DATE OF APPEAL BRIEF****]
- iii. ☐ Other *****
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other *****

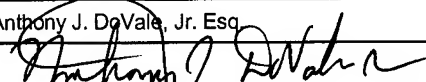
2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37. C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ***** months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other *****

3. Fees

- a. ☐ Check in the amount of \$***** enclosed for the fees designated below.
- b. ☒ A Credit Card Payment of \$910.00 for the fees designated below is herewith submitted electronically.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$**** for the fees designated below. (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).
WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.
- d. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$**** for the fees designated below to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.
- e. ☒ Fees
- ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$790.00
- ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) \$120.00
- ☐ Other *****
- f. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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